IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 24 with the following paragraph:

[0024] A first embodiment of the present invention is illustrated in Fig. 1. In this embodiment, a target 1 to be coated with a coating fluid is held by target holder 2. Target 1 in this instance is a stent that is to be coated with a therapeutic material. Stent holder 2 may hold stent 1 by any number of means, such as by the stent holders described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/198,094, which shares a common assignee to the pending application at bar, and the disclosure of which is hereby expressly incorporated by reference herein.